

Area Assembly

Meeting Minutes
AFG Area 22_LA
Saturday, November 6, 2021

**** UNAPPROVED MINUTES ****

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Louisiana Area Assembly was held online using the video conference program Zoom, at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 6, 2021. Angela A., Chairperson, opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer. She welcomed all in attendance, and then read the Louisiana Area Assembly Mission Statement: The mission of the Louisiana AFG Area Assembly is to foster and support participation in service for Al-Anon and interest in the Steps, Traditions, and Concepts; to provide opportunities for groups to associate with other groups; to inform about the activities and service in our region; and to maintain representation to and from the World Service Conference (WSC).

Volunteers read Al-Anon's Twelve Steps, Twelve Traditions, and Twelve Concepts of Service, including the General Warranties. Angela informed the Assembly that audio was being recorded using the record feature on Zoom in order to assist the secretary, Rachel B., with the minutes. Angela reminded Assembly members that all the documents that are needed for today's meeting were on the Area website, www.la-al-anon.org. She then reminded everyone of the online conference procedures for participating in discussions, asking questions, dealing with technical problems, online meeting etiquette, etc.

Rachel B., Area Secretary, asked for any corrections to the unapproved minutes from Saturday, August 21, 2021. Four corrections were needed: page 1, third paragraph, end of third line, the words "there were" needed to be added after "where"; page 3, under "Newcomers to Area Assembly Meeting report", first line, "New to Assembly" needed to be changed to "Newcomers to Area Assembly"; page 3, under "DR Meeting report", fifth line, the word "be" needed to be inserted between "to" and "DR"; and page 5, under "Archives", third main bullet down, first sub-bullet, the words "be to" needed to be deleted. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by Lucy W., Group Representative (GR), and seconded by Jane R., GR. The minutes were approved as amended.

OFFICER REPORTS

Treasurer's report: Sam B., Treasurer

The financial report for the third quarter, July through September of 2021, is posted on the website. Contributions have continued at a steady pace, totaling \$2,885 for the quarter. Expenses totaled \$1,470 including liability insurance, officers and directors insurance, the Area's cost for housing Archives, and miscellaneous administrative expenses. Net income was \$1,415.

Bank balance at the end of the third quarter was \$14,921. Net cash on hand after outstanding checks, Alateen funds, South Central Regional Delegates Meeting (SCRDM) seed money, and our \$9,000 reserve, is \$5,056.

Work has progressed slowly on implementing online contributions, with hope to complete this by the end of the year.

Alternate Delegate's report: Eric N., Alternate Delegate

Delegate's report: Tammy M., Delegate

What is the next piece of the puzzle for Louisiana AFG? (Second Part of Transforming Temporary Electronic Meetings)

- ◆ Pre-COVID, Comfort Zone: a feeling of safety and control
- ◆ Fear Zone: lack of confidence, being affected by outside issues, others' opinions, gossip, and dominance
- ◆ Learning Zone: deal with challenges and acquire new ways of thinking. How willing am I to participate in a conversation, Knowledge-based Decision Making (KBDM), and conflict resolution?
- ◆ Post-COVID, Growth Zone: Set new goal and objectives, reasoning things out; how open, honest, and willing am I to grow?
- ◆ "Presume good will," (*Many Voices One Journey*, B-31., p. 330)

PAUSE: Postpone Action Until Solution Emerges...

Please remember to keep up with group registration and changes, please talk to Rosey about any group changes

Following the 2021 World Service Conference (WSC) decision to recognize Electronic Meetings as Al-Anon Family Groups you may be wondering:

- ◆ What does this mean to our Area?
- ◆ What do we need to do next?
- ◆ How soon do we need to answer these questions?
- ◆ How will our Area accept groups which meet only electronically?
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- ◆ How will our Service Structure define Area policies and procedures if appropriate?
- ◆ Relevant Traditions: Seven, Nine, Eleven, and Twelve
- ◆ Relevant Concepts of Service: Four, Five, Nine, Ten, and Twelve (Warranties One, Two, and Three)
- ◆ Spiritual Principles to remember:
 - ♣ The guiding principles for a business meeting are the Twelve Traditions and the Twelve Concepts of Service., (*2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual.*, version 2, pp. 15-18)
 - ♣ Three Obstacles to Success in Al-Anon: discussion of religion, gossip, and dominance
 - ♣ "Presume Goodwill" (*Many Voices One Journey*, B-31, p. 330)

Terms being used (all references from *2018-2021 Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual*, version 2):

- ◆ Group Business meetings are held to share information and to include all group members in the activities and concerns of the groups; decisions a group makes are determined by an informed group conscience (pp. 49-51).

- ◆ Substantial unanimity, Warranty Three, that all important decisions be reached by discussion vote and whenever possible by substantial unanimity (p. 18). The group decides what “substantial” is, whether two-thirds, three-fourths, or even greater majority (p. 51).
- ◆ Taking time for discussion and maintaining principles above personalities during the discussion, groups are often able to reach unanimity in their decision. (p. 51)

Knowledge-Based Decision Making, (KBDM)

- ◆ Research, information-gathering, and substantial discussion before a decision is made
- ◆ www.la-al-anon.org on the members website labeled KBDM
- ◆ Elements of KBDM:
 - ♣ Open communication between leadership and membership
 - ♣ Dialogue before deliberation
 - ♣ All those involved in the decision will have full access to all information
 - ♣ We have confidence in the competency of our partners—we “presume goodwill”
 - ♣ We exist in a culture of trust

Outside issues:

- ◆ COVID 2020-2021
- ◆ State, parish, and city regulations
- ◆ Facility requirements
- ◆ Technological requirements
- ◆ Delta variant
- ◆ Social distancing, cleaning, insurance liability waivers, wearing masks

Who are the “Members” of your group with Voice and Vote?

- ◆ How are the decisions made in your group?
- ◆ How are the financial decisions made for the group?
- ◆ How are service positions filled in your group?
- ◆ Does your group support and use only Conference Approved Literature (CAL)?

What don’t we know?

- ◆ How WSO will change various procedures based on Area feedback?
- ◆ How will our worldwide fellowship keep changing?
- ◆ How our GRs will vote?

Discussions that have taken place:

- ◆ Permanent Electronic Meetings becoming part of AFG
- ◆ Returning to face-to-face meetings
- ◆ Remaining Temporary Electronic Meetings (TEM)
- ◆ Has your group considered Hybrid meetings (face-to-face plus virtual component)
- ◆ Concurrent meetings
- ◆ Groups can decide to permanently split
- ◆ All things to think about!

Groups can now register with an electronic component known as “Hybrid” without violating policy, but WSO has limitations. The current application doesn’t allow capturing of both physical address and electronic platform for the moment. This is being worked out, and more will be revealed as we move forward on the journey.

Is your group not meeting in person, or meeting virtually, and you don't know when you will resume meeting?

- ◆ What don't we know about Hybrid meetings?
- ◆ How long can we remain a Hybrid meeting?
- ◆ Will Hybrid meetings be accepted and incorporated into the WSC/World Service Office (WSO) structure?
- ◆ Can Hybrid meetings be successful?
 - ♣ What technology is being used?
 - ♣ Connectivity: Wi-Fi available? Hot spotting? Laptop/cellphone?
 - ♣ Audible: Cellphone/laptop? External speaker/mic?
 - ♣ Visible: Cellphone/laptop/projector/white screen/TV/monitor?
- ◆ Do we have a face-to-face location that will work for the size of the groups and our technology needs?
 - ♣ Group decision for spacing?
 - ♣ Maximum capacity of the room with/without spacing?
 - ♣ How many are expected to come back to face-to-face?
 - ♣ Room rental requirements for spacing?
- ◆ What are some of the technology challenges with Hybrid meetings? External Factors:
 - ♣ Cell phone use—all members must have one, potential volume and sonic dissonance issue.
 - ♣ Laptop with factory camera/mic/speakers—will it see/hear everyone?
 - ♣ Laptop with external camera/speaker/mic—cord and sync issues?
 - ♣ Laptop with projector/white screen—set up time/clarity of video?
 - ♣ Laptop with TV monitor—set up time, visibility from a distance?
 - ♣ Any of these options will work! Don't forget to ask for help!
 - ♣ Who can we contact to help walk through the technology needs? Tech person in a meeting? Member who is passionate about service?
- ◆ Hybrid Meetings: Internal Factors
 - ♣ How do we handle service positions for both the virtual and face-to-face components? Can we still have business meetings?
 - ♣ How do we handle the financial obligations/Seventh Tradition for both?
 - ♣ Do we have enough members to support both components?
 - ♣ How do we ensure equal participation for members of both components?
 - ♣ How do we ensure anonymity for members of the face-to-face and virtual components?
 - ♣ Can we try it on a trial basis?
- ◆ Where/How do we list Hybrid Meetings so newcomers can find us?
 - ♣ Do you want the virtual component listed on the WSO website (along with the face-to-face information)?
 - ♣ Do you want the virtual component listed on your local Al-Anon Information Services (AIS)/Intergroup official site (with only the face-to-face information on the WSO's website)?

“Concurrent” (not hybrid) meetings: Some members of the original meeting meet face-to-face, while some members of the group meet virtually. Both are meeting on the same day, at the same time or different time, same day, but not together: they are separate because the meetings are not connected electronically in real time.

- ◆ There is currently no way for a face-to-face and a separate virtual group to share the same WSO ID number in the WSO database.
- ◆ While this solution will work temporarily, this will not be a viable solution in the future.

Challenges for Concurrent Meetings:

- ◆ How could the members “share” a business meeting that equally represents both components?
- ◆ How could one GR realistically represent both components?
- ◆ How would the treasury and literature be “shared” by two meetings? Would you have two sets of service positions, one for each meeting?

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Newcomers to Area Assembly Meeting report: Sylvia G., Newcomers to Area Assembly Coordinator

GR Meeting report: Carmen O., GR Meeting Coordinator

Review of history of first WSC held in 1961, followed by trial of 2 years. WSC, the “wider group conscience” as expressed in Tradition Two, was an experiment that was voted to be a permanent part of the Al-Anon service structure. The Conference meets annually and is comprised of Area Delegates from US, Canada, Puerto Rico, and Bermuda, and the Board of Trustees, Executive Committee, and certain staff members of the WSO. The *Al-Anon/Alateen Service Manual* compiles the “Wider Group Conscience”. A clarification was made that the WSO is a Clearinghouse for this body. Each GR was encouraged to have their own manual as well as each individual group member to support UNITY. Leslie L. shared on Study of Tradition Seven; Claire L. led study of Concept Seven. Next Assembly in January, Tradition Eight-Cathy R., Concept Eight-Cheryl K., Tradition Nine-Andrea L., and Concept Nine-Shelley B. A brief update was given on Workshop for this afternoon. Thirty minutes spent on supporting our Delegate with discussion about whether and how to include groups with electronic platforms, hybrid group options/experiences, face-to-face, location of groups and district. Number of participants: 28.

DR Meeting report: Susan A., Alternate Chair

The District Representative (DR) meeting was an inspiration again! We had five members in attendance, four DRs and one Alt. DR/ Past Delegate. It was a smaller group making for a more in-depth discussion among the members present. We have nineteen districts: twelve districts with DRs and seven with no DRs. Please encourage your GRs to consider stepping up to be DR in those districts without DR representation. We discussed the position of Alternate DR in our districts, and the importance of encouraging members to step up to service in the Alt. DR position. We filled our assignments for the January 2022 Assembly. We thanked Sarah G., Clara E., and Tammy M. for chairing the morning and evening meetings this Assembly. We reiterated the importance of keeping current in order to be a good link to our groups. We held an information forum where each DR reported on information about their districts. Each shared about the size and format of the groups within their district, and how these groups were working. Each shared about their district meetings, public outreach thoughts, and Alateen. We discussed the challenge for getting GRs to attend District meetings.

Several reported 50% attendance. One group is starting a step study for beginners. Several groups are beginning discussion about district workshops offered by their districts. Sharing aloud and working through obstacles using the traditions and the service manual continue to be very helpful. It is refreshing to see how different districts operate differently, some more structured, some more free-flowing, but all operate with the same common goal in mind...to be of service and to help families and friends of alcoholics. Lastly, we remind ourselves to attend to our own self-care by going to meetings, having a sponsor/service sponsor, and being of service to others.

State Convention: Duke H., Convention Chair

COORDINATOR REPORTS

Alateen: Steve G., Alateen Coordinator—absent; report given by Rachel B.

- ◆ Public outreach for Alateen is critical. There are many Public Outreach opportunities, please feel free to email me at AlateenCoordinator@la-al-anon.org and/or Randy W., your Area Alateen Process Person (AAPP), at AAPP@la-al-anon.org for any help. Gina R., our Public Outreach Coordinator, has also been working closely with Alateen for outreach, and we appreciate the help!
- ◆ We have two Alateens participating in the GR Workshop. This continued service by the teens is a great opportunity to have Alateen participation and visibility.
- ◆ There are Districts and Intergroups/Al-Anon Information Services (AIS) that have an Alateen Coordinator, and this will really help to spread the work of Alateen outreach into smaller “bite size” pieces! Please look in your heart if there is an open Alateen service position that you can fill. One of my goals for 2022 will be to concentrate on outreach to have Alateen groups and information accessible all over the state.
- ◆ The task force has completed working on the LA Area 22 Safety and Behavioral Requirements and is waiting on WSO to finish reviewing them. They are extremely behind.
- ◆ Just a reminder, we still have a unique opportunity for local AMIAS (Al-Anon Members Involved in Alateen Service) to “bring” teens to the Lafayette Zoom Meeting if they are trying to get an Alateen group started in their district(s). This is the time to start building an Alateen group so that if it starts with only one teen, there are several teens in the group to support them as you build up a meeting. Per clarified WSO guidelines, Alateens in LA Area 22 can attend any Alateen electronic meeting within LA Area 22 with or without an AMIAS. However, no Alateen from outside of the state will be allowed to attend Alateen meetings in LA Area 22 even with their AMIAS.
- ◆ The training portion for current and new AMIAS is being finalized and will be reviewed by that task force very soon. I will be working with GW to work out how to place on website and what that looks like.
- ◆ WSO is looking for Alateen sharings to be submitted by 12/31/2021 for the Just for Tonight Alateen Bookmark.
- ◆ From Randy W., AAPP: I am actively working on finalizing the Area 22 required reoccurring 3-year background check on anyone who is due. We hope to have training rolled out and made available to help work out any bugs by January 2022.

Archives: Rebecca P., Archives Coordinator

At the local level: The Power Point presentation PDF of the Area 22 Archives Room housed in the Baton Rouge AIS Office will be updated very soon. It will include the updated listing of the contents of the showcase as well as items located around the Archives Room. Instead of cards beside each piece of CAL in the showcase, there will be a list of items in the collection. This allows for the inclusion of more CAL. The identification information will be in the form of a list in a binder which can be utilized while viewing the collection. The list of the contents of the collection will be available on the Area 22 website. An updated power point and a video will also be posted to the Archives section of the Area 22 website (www.la-al-anon.org) as soon as it is completed.

At the WSO level:

- ◆ AFG Connects has issued a call for copies of the first five Membership Survey Reports so I will be looking through our boxes and files to try to locate the Survey Reports which may be part of the information sent to us from past Delegates—please let me know if anyone has a copy that I can share.
- ◆ AFG Connects has reminded us that “Lois’s Story” (AV-1) and “Lois W. & the Pioneers” (AV-24) are available, per Joe T., WSO Archivist, for streaming online. The cost for each film will continue to be \$25, which will grant access to the film for a period of seven days. The WSO will continue to maintain its library of DVDs available for rent. This will be found on the www.al-anon.org website under the Archives section titled “Historical Films”.
- ◆ WSO needs Alateen Members’ shares for the new Alateen bookmark, “Just for Tonight”. Please submit before the December 31, 2021, deadline.
- ◆ AFG Connects has reported that Michigan is updating its “Top Ten Reasons Archives are Cool” (although it may expand) and I think that we in Louisiana should start a list of our own. I am taking suggestions for the list now at the email address archives@la-al-anon.org
- ◆ GRs and others, please invite your founders and longtime members to grant you an interview using the “Longtime Member Interview Form” located on the Area 22 website in the Archives Section.
- ◆ GRs and others, you may utilize an audio recording if you wish and submit these as soon as possible to me at archives@la-al-anon.org in order to capture the recollections of our founders for posterity.
- ◆ GRs and others submitting to the Archives, please remember to submit the paper items (non-CAL) also digitally by scanning them and emailing them to me as an attachment.
 - ♣ Please use this naming system:
District number.Group number.Item.Name.month.day.year.
(Example: District 6.Group 5507.Interview with longtimer.Jane R.12.14.2016)

Archives still needs volunteers to assist in delving into the approximately twelve boxes yet to be reviewed and classified:

- ◆ GRs, past Delegates, and others dropping off boxes in the last 4 years, please consider volunteering to join the team to classify and file the contents.
- ◆ Anyone wishing to contribute to the Archives Room, please reach out to me for instructions on how to label the contents and the boxes themselves and the type of boxes to be used for submitting materials to the Archives.

- ◆ Please volunteer to help us organize the contents of the already donated boxes as we transfer them into the appropriate boxes and label the contents, with the goal of getting the contents into uniform, clearly labeled boxes or into the filing cabinets.
- ◆ As we return to face-to-face events, please consider sending a digital event notice to the Archives for historical preservation of our return post-pandemic.
- ◆ GRs and DRs in Area 22, please utilize the Archival Event Form (on the Archives Section of the Area 22 website) to systematically memorialize your group/district/Area events and submit them to the Archives Coordinator and we will include them in a special section of the Archives Room.
- ◆ We will be developing a schedule for scanning the documents once they are inventoried and categorized.

My goals remain as follows:

- 1) Clearly identify material with the date of origin; photos should have names and dates written on the back. I will encourage those submitting items to date everything to make it easier for future Archivists.
- 2) Interview Area pioneers and encourage GRs and DRs to do so as well as soon as possible and record their recollections of early group development and their personal recovery stories.
- 3) After the Archives are organized, research possible systems for possibly digitizing parts of the collection in a searchable system to locate material in the collection, building on what already exists and enhancing it as appropriate.
- 4) Protect the anonymity of our fellows as the archives collection is consolidated, organized, and maintained.

Budget & Finance: Pebble B., Budget & Finance Coordinator

The Budget & Finance Income & Expense tracker through the third quarter (ending September 30, 2021) of 2021 is posted on the website.

An audit was conducted of Treasurer's report compared to the bank statements with no discrepancies.

Income for third quarter was \$1,345 more than budgeted. Expenses were \$140 more than budgeted due to the unanticipated ordering of paper checks.

Note: our budget is scaled back this year since our Assemblies are all electronic and the WSC was electronic, so we did not incur the cost of our Delegate, Tammy, attending in person.

The 2022 Budget will be fluid since we do not know how many of our Assemblies will be electronic or in person. At this time the WSC attended by our Delegate will be in person which is a large expenditure. Until WSO submits the cost to our Area the cost is unknown.

The Forum: Paula D., Forum Coordinator

Louisiana January thru August 2021 Sales Report

	Group Subscriptions	Group Copies	Other* Subscriptions	Other Copies	Total subscriptions	Total copies
Jan	16	17	173	177	189	194
Feb	14	15	174	178	188	193
Mar	14	15	165	170	179	185
Apr	13	16	165	170	180	186
May	13	14	159	164	172	178

June	12	14	157	162	169	176
July	12	14	156	160	168	174
Aug	13	15	156	160	169	175
Sept	15	17	160	164	175	181
<i>Totals</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>1,465</i>	<i>1,505</i>	<i>1,189</i>	<i>1,642</i>

* Other subscriptions include individuals, districts, Al-Anon Information Services (AIS) offices, and Literature Distribution Centers

I've provided the totals for the last nine months; the October sales were not yet available at the creation of this report.

On September 22nd our Magazine Editor, Carol C., held an information sharing meeting for *The Forum* Coordinators. We discussed adapting to new technologies and the different meeting and event formats. Several fellow Coordinators provided their input on activities such as Writing Workshops and using *The Forum* in meetings. Lots of encouragement and possibilities were provided. I am looking forward to our next meeting! I felt I had much more information about *The Forum*, its purpose and my part in its function in Al-Anon World Service when this meeting concluded.

Carol is also providing sneak peaks of upcoming issues of *The Forum* such as how healing followed a member's practice of gratitude, or one member's internal "monster" and how she deals with it, in her AFG Connects updates.

Group Records: Rosey A., Group Records Coordinator

Many "thank you"s to Rachel for handling all of the May Assembly tasks in my absence! So appreciated!

Unfortunately, life (mine) got in the way of our committee having a meeting between Assemblies. We intend to resume our previous goal of creating a survey based on prior gathering of questions to see if we can increase Assembly attendance.

All DRs were sent an updated, detailed list of the meetings in their district so that the information can be updated.

Hispanic Outreach: position vacant, no report

Literature: Ann B., Literature Coordinator—absent; report posted on Area website

The following is information from WSO regarding Literature since the August 2021 Assembly:

- ◆ **Holiday Special:** *The Al-Anon Family Groups Alateen Bundle* with Free Shipping! Give a teen, or a member you care about, the gift of Alateen literature. This \$20 special set includes free shipping. Available as a set for a limited time—through January 2022; the Alateen Bundle (K-72) includes:
 - Alateen—a day at a time* (B-10)
 - Alateen—Hope for Children of Alcoholics* (B-3)
 - Alateen Talks Back On: Serenity* (P-69)
 - Just for Today*, Alateen Bookmark (M-13)

- ◆ *Welcome Newcomer!* e-booklet: As the holiday season approaches, groups begin to prepare for the influx of newcomers into our meeting rooms. It's important to take an inventory to ensure we have plenty of newcomer kits and meeting lists on hand. Now, in addition to the *Al-Anon Newcomer Packet* (K-10), groups can choose to "gift" newcomers the *Welcome Newcomer!* e-booklet (eK-10), if they would prefer electronic literature. *Welcome Newcomer!* is sold through various e-book vendors, and direct links to them can be found at al-anon.org. Information about gifting can be found on the e-book vendors' websites.
- ◆ Take serenity wherever you go...download the AFG Mobile App: During the holiday season, the opportunity to visit family and friends may mean missing our regular meetings. Have you downloaded the Al-Anon Family Groups Mobile App (AFG Mobile App) yet? With the AFG Mobile App, you can take serenity with you wherever you go! Need recovery? Join a meeting in the AFG Mobile App. It's convenient and anonymous!
- ◆ Want to read about gratitude? Here's where to find some inspiring sharings on the topic of gratitude in Al-Anon's CAL:
 - ♣ *Discovering Choices—Recovery in Relationships* (B-30), pp. 58-59, 257
 - ♣ *How Al-Anon Works for Families & Friends of Alcoholics* (B-32), "Gratitude," pp. 78-79
 - ♣ *...In All Our Affairs* (B-15), pp. 230-232
 - ♣ *Just for Tonight* Bookmark (M-81)
 - ♣ *Living with Sobriety* (P-49), pp. 44-45
 - ♣ *Opening Our Hearts, Transforming Our Losses* (B-29), "Gratitude," pp. 170-172
 - ♣ *When I Got Busy, I Got Better* (P-78), pp. 33-34
- ◆ Message regarding literature shortages: You may notice some literature is out of stock. We are working closely with our suppliers to replenish our literature as quickly as possible. However, the printing industry is facing significant challenges with paper shortages, staffing issues, and shipping delays. Normal production times have increased from 10-12 weeks to as much as 26 weeks and may continue to climb. We are updating our ordering procedures to accommodate the delays. We thank you for your support and patience as we work through this challenging time.

La Treasure Chest (LATC): Danielle H., LATC Newsletter Editor

Public Outreach: Gina R., Public Outreach Coordinator

- ◆ Conference call with WSO Aug. 30, 2021 (yes, night of Hurricane Ida!): WSO encouraged Public Outreach Coordinators to continue sharing ideas and supported more collaboration meetings and workshops.
- ◆ Scot P., WSO Public Outreach Coordinator & Digital Manager, congratulated Louisiana for bringing Public Outreach training to the Alateen Area Coordinators and committee members wanting to learn more about carrying the Al-Anon message.
- ◆ Area 22 coordinated and hosted two Public Outreach Workshops giving basics of creating presentations, shared presentation ideas with Area coordinators, and collaborated with others in Al-Anon service in the U.S. and Canada.
- ◆ Discussing formation of a Public Outreach committee on emerging technology, including the internet and social media to help carry the Al-Anon message.

- ◆ Area 22- Louisiana Public Outreach, coordinating with Al-Anon WSO, Upcoming Schedule (If interested contact PublicOutreach@la-al-anon.org):
 - ♣ 2021 Sun., Nov. 14 – 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Area Public Outreach Coordinators Presentation Basics: hands-on, Area 22 invited
 - ♣ Louisiana Public Outreach, coordinating with Al-Anon WSO, 2021 Zoom Collaboration Workshop (tentatively) Sat.-Sun., Dec. 4th & 5th, 2021, 2 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Presenting to Professional Community - Relationships, Presentation Platforms for 2022
 - ♣ 2022: Zoom Public Outreach Workshop Sat.-Sun. (tentatively) Jan. 22nd & 23rd, 2022, 2-3:30 p.m.

Website Coordinator: GW, Website Coordinator

Statistics first: As of October 23, 2021, the year-to-date number of page visits was 20,542, for an average of 67.12 page visits per day.

A significant amount of the time I have dedicated to Assembly service has been in the implementation and development of the Assembly's Google Workspace Account for Nonprofits. Fifty-four individual Google Workspace accounts have been created for the AWSC positions and the Tech Team. The plan is to gradually roll out the accounts to the AWSC members, hopefully having this completed by January of 2022. For now these accounts are in addition to the domain aliases provided by our domain carrier, GoDaddy. There will come a time when the aliases will be discontinued making the Google Workspace accounts independent. This will mean that each AWSC member will have use of this account during their term in office. At the end of each Panel these accounts will be re-assigned to the next person taking on that position. This way anything that you want passed on to your successor may simply be left in the Google Drive associated with the account. Hopefully, once the accounts are fully functional there will be time for the members of this Panel to become comfortable with the process before the end of this Panel. I envision providing various Workshops on Google Workspace topics during 2022 to gain the maximum benefit from this product. The applications in the future are limitless: shared drives, document collaboration, shared calendars, and on and on.

An updated version of the proposal (regarding an Area Technology Coordinator position) that was refined with the help of Past Delegate, Panel 45, Clara E., has been available for review in the KBDM document section of the state website. There has been limited input which leads me to feel that it is probably ready for submission for Assembly approval.

As always, I encourage anyone interested in the technological aspects associated with Al-Anon service at the Assembly level to contact me at area22techteam@la-al-anon.org. The Tech Team welcomes additional perspectives on ways to proceed regarding the many technical challenges ahead.

ON-GOING BUSINESS: Angela A., Chairperson

- ◆ Angela announced that, starting in January 2022, Coordinator reports will be given at the Assembly, and Action and Standing Committee reports will be given at the AWSC.
- ◆ A decision was made by the GRs regarding the AWSC's recommendation to adopt the current trial schedule for Assembly weekends (Assembly on Saturday, AWSC on Sunday):

Motion 2021-03:

Matter under consideration: Assembly Meeting Schedule

Wording of Motion: To end the trial period of the Assembly schedule change and adopt, effective January 1, 2022, the new schedule: that on weekends when the LA Area Assembly and the LA AWSC meet, the Assembly and associated meetings will be held on Saturday, and the AWSC meeting will be held on Sunday.

Motion made by: Jane R., GR; *seconded by:* Martha L., GR

31 voting GRs; yes: 30, no: 1; abstain: 0

Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS: Angela A., Chairperson

- ◆ Renaming Website Coordinator to Technology Coordinator, and updating job description (GW): the latest revised description is posted on the website; Angela asked GW to let us know when action is ready to be taken on this.
- ◆ Area Alateen Safety & Behavioral Requirements update: this is still being reviewed at the WSO, per Alateen Coordinator report submitted earlier in this meeting
- ◆ Angela asked the Assembly to consider using unanimous consent, or general consent, regarding the AWSC's recommendation that the Assembly rescind two motions (Motion made on 11/15/75 and Motion 18-05) regarding travel reimbursement for AWSC members. The Budget & Finance Committee has written a new motion to replace the current reimbursement policy (described in Motion 18-05), since this motion is specific about dollar amounts for meals and lodging in Alexandria, LA. The new replacement motion would not be as specific about dollar amounts, but would instead give a guideline to the Treasurer in calculating caps for room and meal reimbursement. Due to time constraints, this issue was tabled until the next Assembly (January 2022).
- ◆ AWSC recommended that Motion 17-01 be rescinded and replaced because we are not in compliance with this motion: we use a different accounting program than Motion 17-01 consents for our Treasurer to use.

♣ Motion 2021-04:

Matter under consideration: Rescind Motion 17-01 referencing online software used by Treasurer

Wording of Motion: Rescind Motion 17-01 passed 1/22/2017: LA. Assembly, Inc. subscribe to QuickBooks Online Plus

Motion to rescind: Motion 17-01 passed on 1/22/2017: I move LA Assembly Inc. subscribe to QuickBooks Online Plus.

Motion made by: Cheryl K., GR; *seconded by:* Shelley B., GR

31 voting GRs; yes: 29, no: 0; abstain: 2

Motion passed

♣ Motion 2021-05:

Matter under consideration: Subscribing to Cloud Based Accounting Software

Wording of Motion: LA AFG Area Assembly, Inc. will subscribe to a cloud-based accounting software platform which will allow members serving as trusted servants from anywhere in Area 22 to have access to all the features and files of the accounting system.

Motion made by: Rosey A., GR; *seconded by:* Carrie D., GR

30 voting GRs; yes: 29, no: 0; abstain: 1

Motion passed

Alternate Chair's report: Susan A., Alternate Chair

The district assignments for Assembly in January 2022:

Saturday Morning Meeting: District 2, Danny C.

Saturday Night Owl Meeting: District 15, Danielle H.

Sunday Morning Meeting: District 6, Rebecca P.

The 2022 Assembly Dates:

Jan 15th -16th, April 9th -10th, Aug 20th -21st, and Nov 5th -6th

Just a reminder: normally, we pass "the shoe" at Assembly. Remember that you may always mail in a donation. All contributions are greatly appreciated. The Service Arms Contact List is on the website.

Special thanks to all who participated today, particular thanks to Carmen O. and all the GRs who did a wonderful workshop on "trusting the process." Thanks also to the Action Committee Coordinators and to those who volunteered to lead the AI-Anon meetings. Particular thanks to our Tech Team for making this Assembly work so well virtually time and time again! We could not have done it without all of you. I am always grateful to be a part of this Area Assembly as your Alternate Chair. You are teaching me more than words can express!

Just a reminder, after the speaker tonight we will take a ten minute break and then start the night owl meeting. It may not follow the schedule as posted. The last several Assemblies, the night owl meeting has run ahead of the scheduled time.

As many of you know in the past, the Alternate Chair gives out the spirit stick to the district that has the most people in attendance at Assembly. GW has set up a short poll to help us determine the winner. Today, the Spirit Stick goes to District 10.

Assembly was closed at 5:15 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer followed by the AI-Anon Declaration.